

REMEDATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR May 19, 2004

REMEMBER WCR AND SCR CONSULTANT DAYS

Don't forget that you can still register for West Central Region (WCR) and South Central Region (SCR) Consultant Days. WCR will hold two more half-day sessions on May 25 and May 26. SCR will hold one full day session on June 3. More information is on the RR Program web calendar at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/calendar.htm>.

NEW ON THE WEB – PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SAG RULE

The RR Program has placed the proposed final language for the Site Assessment Grant (SAG) rule, Chapter NR 168 Wis. Admin. Code, on the web. The Natural Resources Board will consider the revised language for adoption at their May 26 meeting in Mosinee. The information on the web includes the rule language, a background memo and public comments with DNR responses to the comments. http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/index.htm#anchor74198

FEDERAL BEDI BROWNFIELD GRANT ASSISTANCE

The deadline for U.S. HUD Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants has been announced as July 15. BEDI funds are targeted toward brownfield redevelopment in economic development projects and toward increasing opportunities for low-and moderate-income populations through creation or retention of businesses and jobs. HUD emphasizes the use of BEDI and Section 108 Loan Guarantee funds for projects that will provide near-term results and does not encourage applications limited to site acquisition and/or remediation without redevelopment plans. BEDI funds are used to enhance the security or to improve the viability of a project financed with a new Section 108 guaranteed loan commitment. BEDI and Section 108 funds must be used in conjunction at the same economic development project. Section 108 is the loan guarantee provision of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. HUD has scheduled an informational web cast for June 10. For more information please see <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa04/grpecond.cfm>

MORE NATIONAL BROWNFIELDS CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The ninth national brownfields conference will be held in St. Louis September 20 - 22. "Brownfields 2004: Gateway to Revitalization" will bring together private, governmental and nonprofit stakeholders for 3 days of educational sessions and networking. Programs will cover a range of subjects including cleanup, financing, public policy, economic development, real estate, job training and creation, health and safety and more. Features include the Phoenix Award for achievement of excellence in brownfield redevelopment, continuing education credits for professionals attending the conference, travel scholarships awarded to community-based stakeholders (deadline June 1) and an hall with nearly 200 exhibitors. There is no registration fee for this event. For more information, including the registration form, please see www.brownfields2004.org.

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